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(b) who the members of the committee were and whether that committee has made any report;

(c) if the answer is in the affirmative, when the report was submitted and whether the Government have considered the same; and

(d) why the Government have not published the report?

A.—(a) A committee was appointed by the Director of Public Instruction for the purpose.

(b) The members of the committee were Mr. R. M. Statham (Chairman), Mr. G. L. Lobo, Abdul Hamid Sahib Bahadur, M.R.Ry. A. Ramanatha Pillai Avargal, M.R.Ry. D. S. Reddi Garu (Secretary). The committee has sent a report to the Director.

(c) & (d) The report was submitted on 31st October 1932. It is under the consideration of the Director and has not yet been submitted to Government.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" May I know the reason for the delay in printing the report and why the Director kept it for a long period himself, without submitting it to the Government for orders? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" Notice."

Rules of admission into the Widows' Home, Madras.

*525 Q.—S. M. K. BEYABANI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether admission to the Widows' Home near the Beach at Madras is restricted to any particular community or members professing a particular religion;

(b) if so, to what communities or religions;

(c) the reasons for such restrictions;

(d) what the total annual expenditure on the Widows' Home is;

(e) how much of it is met from moneys collected from the inmates;

(f) what the rate of fees collected is and what the kinds of fees collected are;

(g) whether there is any endowment to the Widows' Home;

(h) if so, what the annual income therefrom is and what the nature and terms of the endowment are; and

(i) the number of the residents in the Widows' Home for the years 1931–32 and 1932–33 with the caste, sect or religion to which they belonged?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member apparently refers to the Ice House Hostel attached to the Lady Willingdon Training College. Admission to this hostel is open to Hindu widows who are pupils in the model school attached to the college and to all Hindu students undergoing training in the secondary and higher elementary training classes in the college.

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(c) Admission to the Ice House Hostel is restricted to Hindus in view of the fact that there are separate hostels for other communities.

(d) The Ice House premises are used partly for hostel purposes and partly for the college and the model school. The expenditure incurred on rates and taxes and on the up-keep of the premises and on scholarships awarded to widows in the hostel is given below:—

	1931–32.	1932–33.
	RS.	RS.
Rates and taxes and other items ..	2,311	2,098
Widow scholarships	7,560	5,940

(e) Rent on electric installation and current consumption charges are recovered from the paying members of the hostel. The amounts collected in 1931–32 and 1932–33 were as follows:—

	RS.
1931–32	236
1932–33	182

(f) Tuition fees for attending school and training classes are collected at the rates laid down in the Madras Educational Rules except in the case of widow scholarship holders.

(g) & (h) There is no endowment.

(i)

	Brahmans.	Non-Brahmans.	Total.
1931–32	67	12	79
1932–33	52	9	61

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—" May I know why there is such great disparity between the number of Brahman and Non-Brahman residents, as 67 and 12 and 52 and 9 respectively? Is there any special reason? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" Notice."

Selection of Christians and Members of the Depressed Classes for admission into the Government Training Schools at Koilpatti and Tinnevelly in 1931.

* 526 *Q.*—Mr. M. Devadasan: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) how many depressed class candidates applied for admission into the Government Training Schools at Koilpatti and Tinnevelly in the year 1931 for the three grades of training;

(b) how many Christians applied for admission in those two schools in the year 1931; and

(c) how many candidates from the depressed classes and Christians were admitted into the schools in the year 1931?

A.—*(a) to (c)* A statement [a] is appended.

[a] Printed as Appendix X on page 115 infra.